

DIARY NOTES

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1. Hank Knoche has talked with me on two occasions about the role of the Executive Director-Comptroller. He was frank to say that he thought Mr. Kirkpatrick had made three mistakes: (a) he attempted to rule by fiat, (b) he had virtually no contact with the Director, and (c) he refused to deal in substance, confining himself primarily to administrative management. Today Hank told me that he had been doing some further thinking about this and that he felt the Executive Director-Comptroller has a very definite and important function to perform. Since the DDCI spends about 40 percent of his time alteregoing for the DCI, the Executive Director-Comptroller should be third in the chain of command. Hank also recommended that the title be changed back to Executive Director and that the Office of Budget, Program Analysis, and Manpower should probably be redesignated as the Comptroller and should report to the Executive Director.

2. Bud Wheelon, Paul Borel, and I met with Dick Helms about the following items:

a. We discussed the Director's request for greater exploitation of "both hard and soft" scientists. Paul presented a written proposal, which is attached, and concluded that DD/I and DD/S&T should be jointly tasked to organize and manage a general conference. Bud took strong exception to this. He believed that the "hard and soft" scientists should be handled separately and had some very definite ideas about how to exploit the "hard" scientists. Dick approved Bud's scheme with the understanding that he would have at least "one meeting of fifty-seven engineers." Paul was requested to formulate specific plans for handling the "soft" scientists and to come back with his recommendations. In the course of our conversation Dick took strong exception to the DD/I paper recommending that the conference be held in the Headquarters building at the "Secret" level. Insofar as such conferences, seminars, etc., are concerned, Dick saw no difference between "Secret" and "Top Secret." (While he did not ask me to do this, I want to ask Howard Osborn to look into this.)

b. Dick expressed his belief that we should have a much closer relationship with NASA and should involve them more deeply in the Intelligence Community.

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3. I briefed Dick Helms on [redacted] In substance, I told him that, while the Bureau of the Budget had not been requested to approve the expenditure of [redacted] 1965 money, they had been briefed on it prior to this expenditure but did not raise the flag which they are now raising although they had every opportunity to do so. He seemed quite relaxed about this.

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4. I spent a few minutes with Bud Wheelon, who agreed to arrange a series of briefings for me on DD/S&T functions. He said that he would designate Jack Blake to make the detailed arrangements. Bud also gave me a copy of the NRO White Paper, which I found quite interesting. While I agreed to return it to him, I want to keep it since it concisely puts the whole NRO story in proper perspective.

5. Dick Helms asked me to read the letter to the Bureau of the Budget setting forth our five-year projection which had been prepared for the Director's signature. I did this and returned it to Dick with a note that I thought it was a good, positive response.

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